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Title: RADIOPAQUE NITINOL ALLOYS
FOR MEDICAL DEVICES

Inventors: John F. Boylan et al.

Your Ref.: 3968X2

Our Ref.: 01035.0028-04000

Dear Lena:

We enclose a copy of a Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment that we received from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (PTO) on September 6, 2005. In response to this notice, we filed a Response to Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on October 5, 2005. A copy of the as filed document is enclosed. We also enclose a copy Information Disclosure Statement, which was also filed on October 5, 2005.

Please note that you will not be charged for the preparation or filing of the response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment.

We will keep you informed of the status of this application. If you have any questions, please contact me at your convenience.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

Michele C. Bosch

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Enclosure